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Colorado Trends

The State's labor market picture once again changed very little during April. Stable employment conditions accompanied by a small increase in the number of persons looking for work pushed the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate upward three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.2 percent. The rate had fallen one-half of a percentage point in March and has remained in the 4.9 - 5.5 percent range eight of the last ten months. Despite the current rise in joblessness, overall labor force conditions are much improved over one year ago when the rate was 6.3 percent.

An estimated 89,100 Coloradans were unemployed in April, 4,900 greater than in the prior month, but 16,800 fewer than last year at the same time. The winding down of the winter ski season was a big contributor to the current rise in unemployment. Over 80 percent of the increase in new jobless claims was in counties in or around the State's many ski areas. It is not unusual for closures in the industry to add to the jobless numbers in April, but the layoffs looked to be larger or at least more concentrated during the unemployment survey week this year.

Employment statewide was about unchanged during April dropping 400 to 1,639,400. The number of jobholders has remained steady the last three months retaining most of the sizable gains recorded late last year and early this year. Currently, employment is 69,000 above the year-ago level.

Improved labor force conditions were evident in most areas of Colorado during April as 47 of the State's 63 counties recorded lower unemployment rates on a seasonally unadjusted basis. The major exception was in the ski areas where the season's closing caused a sharp, but temporary rise in joblessness.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's adjusted unemployment rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.4 percent in April. The number of persons without work, at 6.8 million, increased by 275,000. Total civilian employment fell 218,000 to 118.1 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment jumped 7,200 in April to 1,492,800. The increase was much better than normal for the March-April period. Six of the eight major nonfarm industry sectors advanced in April, while only one was lower. Mining was unchanged over the month. Total wage and salary jobs in the State numbered 1,470,000 last year at this time.

Gainers over the month were led by contract construction (up 2,700) with the majority of the increase (2,100) occurring in the five-county Denver MSA. Major road projects and work on the new airport are beginning to boost employment in this industry. According to employment forecasts, construction jobs at the airport site are expected to accelerate sharply later this year and continue growing until peaking at slightly under 7,000 workers in the second quarter of 1992.

Trade employment (up 2,100) experienced a nice gain in April. Almost all of the increase was in excess of seasonal expectations as little change is normally noted between March and April. Strength was evident in general merchandise stores (up 300), food stores (up 600) and automotive dealers (up 400). In addition, two developments will stimulate future job growth in the sector. Price Club, a membership warehouse discount retailer, plans to open its first Colorado store in Westminster. The store should be open in time for this year's Christmas shopping season and will employ 250. Also, the Cherry Creek Shopping Center will open in August. The Center is 85 percent leased with nearly half of the 106 retailers new to the Denver Area.

Government (up 2,000) moved up strongly in April to 282,700 with the further addition of Census workers to its totals. Federal government at 58,100 was 1,700 ahead of last month and 3,100 higher than a year ago.

Smaller gains were visible in services (up 400), manufacturing (up 100) and transportation and public utilities (up 100) while finance, insurance and real estate (down 100) showed a small loss.

Mining, which did not change in April, will be hit with another layoff in July as Anadarko Petroleum Corp. announced that it will close its Denver regional offices. The company will eliminate 80 jobs as part of the restructuring of its domestic operations.

Labor market conditions in the **DENVER MSA** remained stable as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged from March's 4.5 percent. Last year at this time the rate stood at 5.7 percent.

After seasonal adjustment, the estimated number of jobless persons showed almost no movement from the prior month, dipping 100 to 39,900. Unemployment totaled 49,400 twelve months ago.

The jobholder count, which has fluctuated within a narrow range for the past five months, edged down a scant 1,200 to 839,600. Still, total employment is up almost 27,000 from last April's estimated level.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Metro Area rose 7,300 to 829,500, up 13,700 over the year. The increase was stronger than expected for the period as all industry groups except mining (no change) shared in the advance. Services, trade and construction each added slightly more than 2,000 jobs, while Census-related hiring was responsible for most of the 500 gain in government.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	APR 1990	MAR 1990	JAN 1990	APR 1989	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1728.5	1724.0	1735.4	1676.3	4.5	-6.9	52.2
Unemployment	89.1	84.2	83.1	105.9	4.9	6.0	-16.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.9	4.8	6.3	---	---	---
Employment	1639.4	1639.8	1652.3	1570.4	-0.4	-12.9	69.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1494.5	1488.7	1487.1	1471.9	5.8	7.4	22.6
Mining	19.6	19.4	19.8	19.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Contract Construction	59.4	59.0	61.3	58.9	0.4	-1.9	0.5
Manufacturing	195.9	196.1	196.1	192.9	-0.2	-0.2	3.0
Durable Goods	121.6	122.4	123.1	121.5	-0.8	-1.5	0.1
Nondurable Goods	74.3	73.7	73.0	71.5	0.6	1.3	2.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	93.1	92.9	93.4	92.5	0.2	-0.3	0.6
Trade	362.9	361.0	361.0	363.1	1.9	1.9	-0.2
Wholesale	80.7	80.7	80.9	80.6	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Retail	282.2	280.3	280.1	282.6	1.9	2.1	-0.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	97.3	97.0	97.2	95.9	0.3	0.1	1.4
Services	390.1	388.9	386.9	378.6	1.2	3.2	11.5
Government	276.2	274.4	271.4	270.0	1.8	4.8	6.2
Federal	58.7	57.2	56.4	55.6	1.5	2.3	3.1
State	64.7	64.6	62.2	64.8	0.1	2.5	-0.1
Local	152.8	152.6	152.8	149.6	0.2	0.0	3.2
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	879.5	880.8	885.6	862.1	-1.3	-6.1	17.4
Unemployment	39.9	40.0	38.8	49.4	-0.1	1.1	-9.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.5	4.4	5.7	---	---	---
Employment	839.6	840.8	846.8	812.7	-1.2	-7.2	26.9
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	831.7	828.3	825.9	817.7	3.4	5.8	14.0
Mining	11.6	11.5	11.7	11.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Contract Construction	33.1	31.9	32.8	30.9	1.2	0.3	2.2
Manufacturing	96.3	96.2	96.2	95.6	0.1	0.1	0.7
Durable Goods	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	45.7	45.5	45.3	44.7	0.2	0.4	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	68.2	68.1	68.1	67.0	0.1	0.1	1.2
Trade	202.9	200.9	201.4	202.1	2.0	1.5	0.8
Wholesale	56.2	55.9	56.1	56.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1
Retail	146.7	145.0	145.3	146.0	1.7	1.4	0.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	63.9	63.8	63.9	63.4	0.1	0.0	0.5
Services	224.9	225.4	223.4	219.1	-0.5	1.5	5.8
Government	130.8	130.5	128.4	127.8	0.3	2.4	3.0
Federal	33.5	33.2	32.8	32.9	0.3	0.7	0.6
State	27.0	26.9	25.6	27.4	0.1	1.4	-0.4
Local	70.3	70.4	70.0	67.6	-0.1	0.3	2.7
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	136720	137600	138240	133250	-880	-1520	3470
Unemployment	4940	5110	4880	6520	-170	60	-1580
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.7	3.5	4.9	---	---	---
Employment	131780	132490	133360	126730	-710	-1580	5050
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	191350	191680	193100	186550	-330	-1750	4800
Unemployment	11560	11520	11230	13090	40	330	-1530
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.0	5.8	7.0	---	---	---
Employment	179790	180160	181870	173460	-370	-2080	6330
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	95640	95630	97650	93460	10	-2010	2180
Unemployment	4190	4110	4250	4870	80	-60	-680
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.3	4.4	5.2	---	---	---
Employment	91450	91520	93400	88590	-70	-1950	2860
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	71520	70580	69790	66910	940	1730	4610
Unemployment	3260	3220	3360	4250	40	-100	-990
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.6	4.8	6.4	---	---	---
Employment	68260	67360	66430	62660	900	1830	5600
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49750	49950	50090	48120	-200	-340	1630
Unemployment	3400	3410	3510	4110	-10	-110	-710
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.8	7.0	8.5	---	---	---
Employment	46350	46540	46580	44010	-190	-230	2340

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1725.7	1710.4	1674.0	15300	51700
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	91.2	93.6	108.3	-2400	-17100
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.5	6.5	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1634.5	1616.8	1565.7	17700	68800
Nonagricultural 5/	1570.0	1563.7	1524.0	6300	46000
Agricultural	64.5	53.1	41.7	11400	22800
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1492.8	1485.6	1470.0	7200	22800
GOODS PRODUCING	269.7	266.9	266.6	2800	3100
SERVICE PRODUCING	1223.1	1218.7	1203.4	4400	19700
MINING	19.2	19.2	19.5	0	-300
Metal Mining	3.2	3.3	3.6	-100	-400
Coal Mining	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.1	12.1	12.3	0	-200
CONSTRUCTION	56.2	53.5	55.7	2700	500
General Building Contractors	12.4	12.1	12.9	300	-500
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	8.8	7.0	9.2	1800	-400
Special Trade Contractors	35.0	34.4	33.6	600	1400
MANUFACTURING	194.3	194.2	191.4	100	2900
Durable Goods	121.0	121.2	120.9	-200	100
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture	6.8	6.9	6.5	-100	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.7	7.5	7.8	200	-100
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	14.4	14.4	13.8	0	600
Computer & Office Equipment	20.4	20.7	20.9	-300	-500
Instruments & Related Products	19.6	19.6	19.8	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	73.3	73.0	70.5	300	2800
Food & Kindred Products	25.9	28.5	25.0	-2600	900
Meat Products	8.2	8.2	8.0	0	200
Dairy Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	100
Beverages	7.6	7.6	7.5	0	100
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	4.8	4.7	4.8	100	0
Paper & Allied Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	100
Printing & Publishing	24.3	24.3	23.3	0	1000
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	9.4	9.3	8.7	100	700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	92.8	92.7	92.2	100	600
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	20.6	20.5	20.0	100	600
Transportation by Air	18.5	18.5	18.6	0	-100
Communications	28.1	28.0	27.8	100	300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.4	12.3	0	100
TRADE	359.6	357.5	359.7	2100	-100
Wholesale Trade	80.5	80.3	80.3	200	200
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	50.1	50.0	50.3	100	-200
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	30.4	30.3	30.0	100	400
Retail Trade	279.1	277.2	279.4	1900	-300
General Merchandise Stores	29.1	28.8	29.5	300	-400
Food Stores	42.5	41.9	41.3	600	1200
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	30.0	29.6	29.4	400	600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	14.0	14.1	14.5	-100	-500
Eating & Drinking Places	105.8	105.7	109.6	100	-3800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	97.1	97.3	95.7	-200	1400
Depository Institutions	25.8	25.7	25.7	100	100
Insurance	28.1	28.3	27.5	-200	600
Real Estate	24.3	24.5	24.8	-200	-500
SERVICES	390.9	390.5	379.4	400	11500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	31.0	30.2	30.0	800	1000
Personal Services	16.8	16.7	17.0	100	-200
Business Services	79.9	79.4	78.6	500	1300
Computer & Data Processing Services	17.4	17.4	17.2	0	200
Motion Pictures	4.6	4.5	4.4	100	200
Amusements & Recreation Services	24.9	28.4	23.6	-3500	1300
Ski Lift Operators	6.3	11.2	6.8	-4900	-500
Health Services	95.0	95.1	92.2	-100	2800
Hospitals	39.7	39.8	38.6	-100	1100
MD's & Other Health Practitioners	32.1	32.1	31.1	0	1000
Nursing Facil. & Home Health Care	18.0	17.9	17.6	100	400
Legal Services	13.7	13.8	13.3	-100	400
Educational Services	12.4	12.6	12.1	-200	300
Social Services	21.0	20.9	20.1	100	900
Membership Organizations	22.4	22.2	22.2	200	200
Engineering & Management Services	40.4	40.2	38.4	200	2000
Agricultural Services	8.4	6.5	7.5	1900	900
GOVERNMENT	282.7	280.7	276.4	2000	6300
Federal Government	58.1	56.4	55.0	1700	3100
State Government	68.4	68.3	68.5	100	-100
State Education	43.8	43.8	43.7	0	100
Local Government	156.2	156.0	152.9	200	3300
Local Education	85.9	86.1	84.5	-200	1400
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

DENVER MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	874.8	871.0	857.6	3800	17200
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	40.2	43.7	49.8	-3500	-9600
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	5.0	5.8	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	834.6	827.3	807.8	7300	26800
Nonagricultural 5/	823.2	817.9	800.4	5300	22800
Agricultural	11.4	9.4	7.4	2000	4000
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	829.5	822.2	815.8	7300	13700
GOODS PRODUCING	139.4	137.1	136.6	2300	2800
SERVICE PRODUCING	690.1	685.1	679.2	5000	10900
MINING	11.4	11.4	11.5	0	-100
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.3	9.2	9.3	100	0
CONSTRUCTION	32.0	29.9	29.8	2100	2200
General Building Contractors	5.6	5.6	6.0	0	-400
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	6.4	4.7	4.9	1700	1500
Special Trade Contractors	20.0	19.6	18.9	400	1100
MANUFACTURING	96.0	95.8	95.3	200	700
Durable Goods	50.5	50.5	50.8	0	-300
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture.	3.0	2.9	2.8	100	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4.8	4.7	4.9	100	-100
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	7.4	7.3	7.4	100	0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	100
Nondurable Goods	45.5	45.3	44.5	200	1000
Food & Kindred Products	14.2	14.1	14.0	100	200
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	3.1	3.0	3.1	100	0
Paper & Allied Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	13.6	13.6	13.5	0	100
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.3	7.4	6.8	-100	500
Petroleum, Coal & Plastic Products	5.4	5.3	5.2	100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	67.9	67.8	66.7	100	1200
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	14.0	14.0	13.5	0	500
Transportation by Air	16.8	16.8	16.9	0	-100
Communications	22.1	22.2	21.8	-100	300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	6.5	6.5	6.3	0	200
TRADE	200.0	197.9	199.4	2100	600
Wholesale Trade	56.1	55.8	56.2	300	-100
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	36.9	36.7	37.2	200	-300
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	19.2	19.1	19.0	100	200
Retail Trade	143.9	142.1	143.2	1800	700
General Merchandise,Accessory Stores	22.6	22.5	23.5	100	-900
Food Stores	22.9	22.3	21.7	600	1200
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	15.0	15.1	14.6	-100	400
Eating & Drinking Places	53.3	52.8	54.0	500	-700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	63.6	63.5	63.2	100	400
Depository Institutions	14.6	14.7	14.7	-100	-100
Nondepository Institutions	6.6	6.6	6.6	0	0
Insurance	19.9	20.1	19.8	-200	100
Real Estate	13.8	13.5	14.2	300	-400
SERVICES	225.3	223.1	219.5	2200	5800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	10.9	11.0	11.0	-100	-100
Personal Services	9.6	9.5	9.9	100	-300
Business Services	55.0	54.3	53.7	700	1300
Amusement & Rec. Svc., Inc. Motion Pic	11.7	10.9	11.5	800	200
Health Services	53.8	54.0	52.0	-200	1800
Hospitals	24.0	24.2	23.5	-200	500
Legal Services	10.0	10.0	9.6	0	400
Educational Services	8.8	9.1	8.4	-300	400
Social Services	11.1	11.0	10.7	100	400
Engineering & Management Services	24.8	24.6	23.9	200	900
Agricultural Services	4.8	3.9	4.4	900	400
GOVERNMENT	133.3	132.8	130.4	500	2900
Federal Government	33.4	33.1	32.8	300	600
State Government	28.1	27.9	28.5	200	-400
State Education	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
Local Government	71.8	71.8	69.1	0	2700
Local Education	40.4	40.6	38.6	-200	1800
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA AND COLORADO SPRINGS MSA
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	136.0	135.6	132.6	400	3400
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.0	5.5	6.6	-500	-1600
Unemployment (%)	3.7	4.1	5.0	-400	-1300
EMPLOYMENT	131.0	130.1	126.0	900	5000
Nonagricultural 5/	128.4	127.9	124.3	500	4100
Agricultural	2.6	2.2	1.7	400	900
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	115.7	115.1	113.4	600	2300
GOODS PRODUCING	34.7	34.3	34.2	400	500
SERVICE PRODUCING	81.0	80.8	79.2	200	1800
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4.0	3.7	3.6	300	400
MANUFACTURING	30.7	30.6	30.6	100	100
Durable Goods	24.5	24.5	24.7	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	6.2	6.1	5.9	100	300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
TRADE	23.8	23.6	23.4	200	400
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	100
Retail Trade	20.5	20.3	20.2	200	300
Eating & Drinking Places	8.3	8.1	8.3	200	0
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	12.2	12.2	11.9	0	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	100
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.0	1.9	1.9	100	100
SERVICES	27.8	27.8	26.2	0	1600
GOVERNMENT	22.8	22.8	23.1	0	-300
Federal Government	2.8	2.7	2.6	100	200
State Government	10.3	10.5	11.0	-200	-700
State Education	10.0	10.2	10.7	-200	-700
Local Government	9.7	9.6	9.5	100	200
Local Education	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	189.2	189.1	184.6	100	4600
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	12.1	13.1	13.7	-1000	-1600
Unemployment (%)	6.4	6.9	7.4	-500	-1000
EMPLOYMENT	177.1	176.0	170.9	1100	6200
Nonagricultural 5/	176.9	176.2	169.5	700	5400
Agricultural	2.2	1.8	1.4	400	800
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	154.7	153.8	151.5	900	3200
GOODS PRODUCING	31.2	31.6	30.6	-400	600
SERVICE PRODUCING	123.5	122.2	120.9	1300	2600
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	6.8	6.8	6.5	0	300
MANUFACTURING	24.4	24.8	24.1	-400	300
Durable Goods	18.8	19.2	19.1	-400	-300
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.0	0	600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	200
TRADE	35.9	35.4	35.6	500	300
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.2	5.4	100	-100
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.7	3.6	3.8	100	-100
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Retail Trade	30.6	30.2	30.2	400	400
Eating & Drinking Places	13.0	12.7	12.1	300	900
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	17.6	17.5	18.1	100	-500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	9.1	9.1	8.9	0	200
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	-100
SERVICES	42.6	41.6	41.1	1000	1500
GOVERNMENT	29.9	30.1	29.5	-200	400
Federal Government	9.6	9.6	9.4	0	200
State Government	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	100
State Education	2.1	2.2	2.0	-100	100
Local Government	17.5	17.7	17.4	-200	100
Local Education	9.8	9.9	9.8	-100	0
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	April 1990 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	March 1990 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	6143	5803	340	5.5	--	6084	5613	471	7.7
Archuleta	2609	2424	185	7.1	--	2555	2319	236	9.2
Baca	2536	2466	70	2.8	--	2354	2236	118	5.0
Bent	2295	2221	74	3.2	--	2250	2142	108	4.8
Chaffee	6647	6138	509	7.7	--	6543	6093	450	6.9
Cheyenne	1210	1166	44	3.6	--	1104	1072	32	2.9
Clear Creek	2739	2578	161	5.9	--	2739	2562	177	6.5
Co. Springs MSA	189210	177090	12120	6.4	--	189145	176012	13133	6.9
Conejos	2690	2368	322	12.0	--	2590	2195	395	15.3
Costilla	1100	965	135	12.3	--	1047	901	146	13.9
Crowley	1770	1712	58	3.3	--	1667	1585	82	4.9
Custer	803	753	50	6.2	--	770	711	59	7.7
Delta	8550	7799	751	8.8	--	8268	7477	791	9.6
Den-Bldr CMSA	1010749	965584	45165	4.5	--	1006693	957414	49279	4.9
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	135982	130993	4989	3.7	--	135644	130102	5542	4.1
-Denver MSA	874767	834591	40176	4.6	--	871049	827312	43737	5.0
---Adams	147695	139494	8201	5.6	--	147395	138277	9118	6.2
---Arapahoe	211671	203974	7697	3.6	--	210318	202195	8123	3.9
---Denver	260954	246947	14007	5.4	--	260185	244793	15392	5.9
---Douglas	23013	22150	863	3.8	--	22951	21957	994	4.3
---Jefferson	231434	222026	9408	4.1	--	230201	220090	10111	4.4
Dolores	1061	1037	24	2.3	--	1030	1003	27	2.6
Eagle	17793	14932	2861	16.1	--	15895	15488	407	2.6
Elbert	3927	3681	246	6.3	--	3784	3516	268	7.1
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	95589	91357	4232	4.4	--	94953	90241	4712	5.0
Fremont	11320	10519	801	7.1	--	11351	10378	973	8.6
Garfield	15709	14382	1327	8.4	--	14962	14105	857	5.7
Gilpin	1447	1385	62	4.3	--	1357	1279	78	5.7
Grand	6446	5776	670	10.4	--	5921	5731	190	3.2
Greeley MSA	71743	68333	3410	4.8	--	69830	66084	3746	5.4
Gunnison	6577	6017	560	8.5	--	6633	6340	293	4.4
Hinsdale	417	405	12	2.9	--	403	386	17	4.2
Huerfano	2464	2245	219	8.9	--	2362	2111	251	10.6
Jackson	1019	955	64	6.3	--	959	889	70	7.3
Kiowa	1145	1107	38	3.3	--	1031	1001	30	2.9
Kit Carson	4428	4374	54	1.2	--	4074	4011	63	1.5
Lake	1568	1328	240	15.3	--	1478	1368	110	7.4
La Plata	16104	15271	833	5.2	--	16243	15363	880	5.4
Las Animas	5043	4660	383	7.6	--	5067	4647	420	8.3
Lincoln	2605	2506	99	3.8	--	2407	2333	74	3.1
Logan	9614	9330	284	3.0	--	9248	8889	359	3.9
Mesa	41034	38616	2418	5.9	--	41228	38271	2957	7.2
Mineral	236	206	30	12.7	--	228	196	32	14.0
Moffat	4988	4577	411	8.2	--	4858	4470	388	8.0
Montezuma	8654	7969	685	7.9	--	8608	7743	865	10.0
Montrose	11992	11048	944	7.9	--	11772	10702	1070	9.1
Morgan	10431	9893	538	5.2	--	10319	9709	610	5.9
Otero	8746	8120	626	7.2	--	8598	7760	838	9.7
Ouray	1581	1402	179	11.3	--	1564	1357	207	13.2
Park	3312	3101	211	6.4	--	3247	3011	236	7.3
Phillips	2536	2470	66	2.6	--	2309	2263	46	2.0
Pitkin	11713	10002	1711	14.6	--	10953	10645	308	2.8
Prowers	6392	6084	308	4.8	--	6271	5897	374	6.0
Pueblo MSA	49722	46303	3419	6.9	--	49650	45752	3898	7.9
Rio Blanco	2940	2793	147	5.0	--	2780	2658	122	4.4
Rio Grande	4809	4439	370	7.7	--	4658	4263	395	8.5
Routt	10028	9090	938	9.4	--	9569	9193	376	3.9
Saguache	1792	1593	199	11.1	--	1668	1465	203	12.2
San Juan	496	440	56	11.3	--	490	431	59	12.0
San Miguel	2920	2652	268	9.2	--	3346	3110	236	7.1
Sedgwick	1611	1567	44	2.7	--	1515	1450	65	4.3
Summit	10994	10289	705	6.4	--	11036	10696	340	3.1
Teller	5283	4995	288	5.5	--	5197	4813	384	7.4
Washington	2926	2858	68	2.3	--	2728	2601	127	4.7
Yuma	5416	5295	121	2.2	--	5072	4863	209	4.1
COLORADO	1725627	1634469	91158	5.3	--	1710460	1616816	93644	5.5

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
April 1989

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	6010	5480	530	8.8
Archuleta	2456	2214	242	9.9
Baca	2108	1998	110	5.2
Bent	2047	1944	103	5.0
Chaffee	6529	5957	572	8.8
Cheyenne	1032	983	49	4.7
Clear Creek	2598	2376	222	8.5
Co. Springs MSA	184579	170861	13718	7.4
Conejos	2498	2045	453	18.1
Costilla	1025	841	184	18.0
Crowley	1566	1463	103	6.6
Custer	686	641	45	6.6
Delta	8144	7130	1014	12.5
Den-Bldr CMSA	990086	933738	56348	5.7
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	132549	125968	6581	5.0
-Denver MSA	857537	807770	49767	5.8
---Adams	145056	135011	10045	6.9
---Arapahoe	206980	197419	9561	4.6
---Denver	256162	239011	17151	6.7
---Douglas	22475	21438	1037	4.6
---Jefferson	226865	214891	11974	5.3
Dolores	1042	981	61	5.9
Eagle	16765	14873	1892	11.3
Elbert	3642	3433	209	5.7
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93414	88497	4917	5.3
Fremont	11138	10256	882	7.9
Garfield	15067	14021	1046	6.9
Gilpin	1148	1067	81	7.1
Grand	5726	5273	453	7.9
Greeley MSA	67166	62718	4448	6.6
Gunnison	5872	5371	501	8.5
Hinsdale	360	349	11	3.1
Huerfano	2238	1991	247	11.0
Jackson	892	845	47	5.3
Kiowa	925	880	45	4.9
Kit Carson	3771	3670	101	2.7
Lake	1588	1341	247	15.6
La Plata	15316	14281	1035	6.8
Las Animas	4760	4331	429	9.0
Lincoln	2206	2125	81	3.7
Logan	8818	8477	341	3.9
Mesa	40365	37396	2969	7.4
Mineral	193	157	36	18.7
Moffat	4979	4438	541	10.9
Montezuma	8592	7759	833	9.7
Montrose	11566	10365	1201	10.4
Morgan	9542	8860	682	7.1
Otero	8073	7247	826	10.2
Ouray	1450	1333	117	8.1
Park	2967	2722	245	8.3
Phillips	2098	2022	76	3.6
Pitkin	10342	9451	891	8.6
Prowers	5993	5600	393	6.6
Pueblo MSA	48103	43964	4139	8.6
Rio Blanco	2668	2509	159	6.0
Rio Grande	4685	4209	476	10.2
Routt	9147	8321	826	9.0
Saguache	1521	1321	200	13.1
San Juan	474	429	45	9.5
San Miguel	2945	2615	330	11.2
Sedgwick	1417	1336	81	5.7
Summit	11717	10031	1686	14.4
Teller	4952	4505	447	9.0
Washington	2423	2295	128	5.3
Yuma	4573	4331	242	5.3
COLORADO	1674001	1565666	108335	6.5

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989
CONSTRUCTION	$470.21	$457.67	$466.79	37.2	35.7	36.9	$12.64	$12.82	$12.65
MANUFACTURING	$439.77	$440.90	$418.24	41.1	40.9	40.1	$10.70	$10.78	$10.43
Durable Goods	$434.09	$434.36	$437.44	41.5	40.9	41.9	$10.46	$10.62	$10.44
Nondurable Goods	$447.93	$451.00	$390.00	40.5	41.0	37.5	$11.06	$11.00	$10.40

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989	APR 2/ 1990	MAR 3/ 1990	APR 1989
CONSTRUCTION	$492.93	$474.99	$483.96	37.4	35.5	37.0	$13.18	$13.38	$13.08
MANUFACTURING	$496.54	$487.20	$463.60	40.7	40.0	40.0	$12.20	$12.18	$11.59
Durable Goods	$495.60	$483.95	$481.48	41.3	40.6	41.4	$12.00	$11.92	$11.63
Nondurable Goods	$498.88	$490.14	$444.29	40.2	39.4	38.5	$12.41	$12.44	$11.54

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	APR 1990	MAR 1990	APR 1989	APR 1990	MAR 1990	APR 1989
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	12,122	11,204	11,597	5,340	5,856	5,384
Continued Claims	98,415	113,564	102,922	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	77,080	89,157	82,980	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$12,690,522	$14,615,152	$13,070,919	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$223,840,994	$221,257,540	$142,811,458	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	16,917	18,320	14,917	8,686	8,817	7,198
Nonagricultural Placements	5,586	4,872	4,828	1,670	1,453	1,676
Agricultural Placements	333	135	487	131	15	281

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

March 1990 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	123,789	1710.4	1698.4	499.8	412.1	700.0	791.2	240.3
Unemployment	6,697	93.6	87.4	33.5	24.6	45.6	41.4	16.6
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.4	5.5	5.1	6.7	6.0	6.5	5.2	6.9
Employment	117,093	1616.8	1611.0	466.3	387.5	654.4	749.8	223.7

The just passed Clean Air Act will benefit Colorado's coal industry which is low in sulfur content.

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1989 benchmark utilizing 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 56,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they are ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed. i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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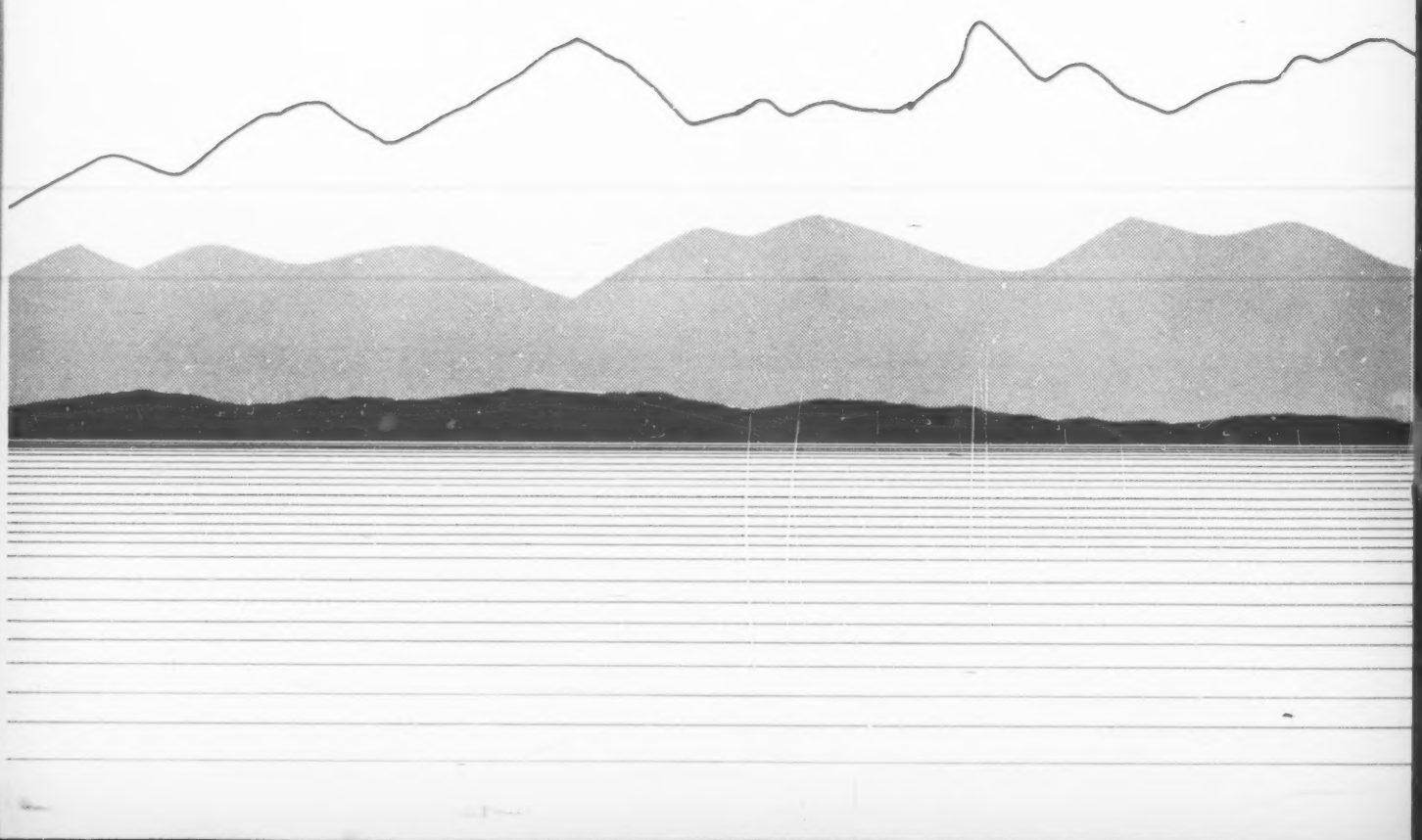

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